

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following text on page 1, directly after the title:

Cross-Reference to Related Application

The present application is a Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Serial No. 10/645,873, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Paragraph 31 is amended as follows:

Figure 2 shows an embodiment of a safety sign 200. The safety sign 200 includes an EL lighting surface 210, and a power source 212 coupled to the EL lighting surface 210. In one embodiment, the power source 212 includes an AC power source. In one embodiment, the power source 212 includes a DC power source coupled to an AC converter. In one embodiment, the power source is supplied by a power hook up on a vehicle. A layer 220 is also included, with a pattern 222 located on the layer 220. In Figure 2, the layer 220 includes a transparent layer. The pattern 222 in Figure 2 is substantially opaque. Embodiments of patterns 222 include, but are not limited to, text, numbers, symbols, shapes, etc. The safety sign 200 operates by transmitting light from the EL lighting surface 210 through portions of the layer 220 that are not obscured by the pattern 222. As used herein, the term “vehicle” refers to two-wheeled, three-wheeled and four-wheeled automobiles, as shown at 1400 in FIG. 14, 1700 in FIG. 17, trucks as shown at 1200 in FIG. 12, 1410 in FIG. 14, semi’s, as shown at 1500 in FIG. 15, fire engines, trains, rail cars, snowplows as shown at 1100 in FIG. 11, bicycles, police cars, buses as shown at 1800 in FIG. 18, ambulances ambulances, RV’s as shown at 1900 in FIG. 19, road construction vehicles as shown at 1300 in FIG. 13 and any other vehicle having safety needs.

Paragraph 32 is amended as follows:

Figure 3 shows an embodiment of a safety sign 300. The safety sign 300 includes an EL lighting surface 310, and a power source 312 coupled to the EL lighting surface [[210]] 310. Power source 312 includes, but is not limited to embodiments of power sources described above. A layer 320 is also included, with a pattern 322 located on the layer 320. In Figure 3, the layer 320 includes a substantially opaque layer. The pattern 322 in Figure 3 is substantially

transparent. In one embodiment, the pattern 322 is cut out from the layer 320. Pattern 322 includes, but is not limited to embodiments of patterns described above. The safety sign 300 operates by transmitting light from the EL lighting surface 310 through the substantially transparent pattern 322.

Paragraph 37 is amended as follows:

Figure 6 shows one embodiment of a safety sign 600. The safety sign 600 includes an EL lighting surface 610. In one embodiment the shape of the safety sign 600 is dictated by a government standard. In Figure 6, the EL lighting surface 610 of the safety sign 600 is substantially rectangular in shape. In Figure 6, a width 612 of the EL lighting surface 610 is approximately 72 inches. In Figure 6, a height 614 of the EL lighting surface 610 is approximately 8.5 inches. A pattern 616 is included on the safety [[sing]] sign 600 similar to embodiments described above. In one embodiment the pattern includes a text message that states “Stay Back - Stay Alive.” In one embodiment the pattern includes a text message that states “Oversized Load, as shown at 1210 in FIG. 12.” Any number of safety messages are possible within the scope of the invention. In addition to text, as described above, shapes or symbols are also possible to convey a message of safety. For example, a triangle may be used to indicate a slow moving vehicle, as shown at 1310 in FIG. 13.

Paragraph 40 is amended as follows:

For some embodiments, vehicles include more than one safety sign using EL lighting. The signs are positionable on the front and rear and side portions of a vehicle, as shown in one example, at 1500 in FIG. 15. The vehicle 1500 includes a cab 1512 and a trailer 1514 capable of carrying hazardous cargo. The cab includes EL warning signals 1516. The power source is not shown, but as described above is a component of the EL lighting. The trailer 1514 includes the “DANGER” sign, and a “LONG LOAD” sign. The trailer 1514 also includes EL strips 1520 and 1522. The vehicle 1500 also includes mudflaps 1524 and each include an EL lighting safety sign 1526. The EL lighting for motor vehicle 1500 is for some embodiments, multicolored. For other embodiments the lighting is static and blinking blinking or all static or all blinking. While these

lighting features are described for motor vehicle 1500, it is understood that the features are usable for all motor vehicle ~~embodiment~~ embodiments.

Paragraph 43 is amended as follows:

A method of improving safety of snow plows and motor vehicles in hazardous visibility conditions, such as a snowstorm is shown in FIG. 11. The snowplows 1100 include EL lighting 1102 on the cabs, 1104 on the mudflaps and 1106 on the trailer. The snowplows also include EL lighting on the [[real]] rear of the trailer and, optionally, on mudflaps in the rear of the trailer, which are not shown.

Please insert the following new paragraph after paragraph 48 and before the claims:

According to another example embodiment, a mudflap comprising a main body and EL lighting attached to the main body may have EL lighting that is colored red, yellow or green. In addition, a kit may include a mudflap comprising a main body and EL attached to the main body wherein the kit includes two of such mudflaps, and further wherein one of the mudflaps has a left-handed orientation and one of the mudflaps has a right-handed orientation. In another embodiment a kit including such a mudflap may include two of the mudflaps have a left-handed orientation and two of the mudflaps have a right-handed orientation.